

Kathleen Sebelius won election as the 44th Governor of Kansas in November 2002, becoming the first daughter of a U. S. governor (John Gilligan, Ohio, 1971-5) to serve in that same position.

She served four terms (1987-1995) in the Kansas House of Representatives and two terms (1995-2003) as the state's Insurance Commissioner. Sebelius was named one of *Governing* magazine's "Public Officials of the Year" and one of the "100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare" by *Modern Healthcare Magazine*.

In her first three legislative sessions, Governor Sebelius placed the state on sound financial footing, steered the Kansas Economic Growth Act to passage, and restructured the existing comprehensive highway package, insuring the timely completion of all projects. Budget balances have been restored and safety net services secured, without a tax increase.

Governor Sebelius also proposed sweeping educational reforms and has advanced several common-sense health care proposals to reduce costs and increase insurance coverage for Kansans.

Governor Sebelius serves as policy chair of the Democratic Governors' Association.

Kathleen has been married to her husband, Gary, a federal magistrate judge, for 30 years, and they have two sons: Ned, a 2003 college graduate, and John, a college junior.

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